Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible?

Young Fives is an age-based program designed for students eligible to enter school through a wavier or turn five on or after June 15th. Students who turn five between June 15th and December 1st have the option to choose Young Fives or Kindergarten.

How is it determined if Young 5's is appropriate for my child?

Young Fives in an option for students that are eligible based on age with priority given to students who turn five September 1—December 1. The District will have the final determination of which children will be placed in the Young Fives program.

My child attended ECC GSRP as a 4-year-old. Will they be able to attend Young 5s? The ECC GSRP Preschool is an excellent program that prepares children for kindergarten. GSRP students are ready for Kindergarten and will not have a need for Young 5s unless recommended by their teacher and the director.

Where will it be housed?

The Young 5s program will be in one or more of Wyandotte's elementary schools. A location determination will be made at the end of June for the upcoming school year. Pending enrollmentchanges, locations may change in August.

Is there a cost?

There is no cost! This program is a part of Wyandotte Public Schools, so it is tuition-free.

What will my child be learning?

Young 5s will focus on literacy, mathematics and social-emotional learning. Teachers will move at a pace that nurtures and encourages development and growth in all areas of learning, so that students can easily transition to kindergarten.

Who will be teaching my child? A certified WPS teacher will be teaching all of our Young 5's classes.

<u>Helpful Facts About Young 5's</u>

*Young 5's is an option for students entering kindergarten and turn five between June 15th and December 1st. Parents of children of age can choose Young Fives if they feel their child will benefit from the gift of time to develop their social and academic skills before entering formal kindergarten.

*Young 5's is not for every student. Students who qualify may benefit from a Young 5's program, Preschool at Wyandotte's Early Childhood Center, or Kindergarten.

*Students who do not attend Wyandotte's Early Childhood Center (ECC)GSRP preschool and qualify by age have the option of young fives or kindergarten, based on parent preference. Students that attend ECC's GSRP program will be assessed by their preschool teacher. Their ECC preschool teacher will make the placement determination.

*The program will adhere to kindergarten learning standards and goals. It will provide more time to focus on social learning, while developing emerging literacy, early mathematical concepts, and number sense.

*Young 5's will be housed in one or more of Wyandotte Public School's elementary buildings and will be taught by a qualified, certified elementary teacher with knowledge of developmentally appropriate curriculum. Your child will attend their resident school the following year for Kindergarten. Students who are School of Choice will follow an older sibling or be assigned a school for Kindergarten.

*The Young 5's program is free of cost and will follow a schedule consistent with all of the Wyandotte Elementary schools.